

program under a Schedule B appointment made in accordance with § 213.3202 of this chapter, provided such employee has fully repaid any former advance in pay under § 550.205 of this part.

Offset or *setoff* means repayment in installments of an advance in pay by payroll deductions or an administrative offset under subpart K of this part to collect a debt under 5 U.S.C. 5514 from an indebted Government employee.

Pay period means the pay period established by an agency for an employee under 5 U.S.C. 5504.

Rate of basic pay means the rate of pay fixed by law or administrative action for the position held by an employee, including, as applicable, annual premium pay under 5 U.S.C. 5545(c), availability pay under 5 U.S.C. 5545a, night differential for prevailing rate employees under 5 U.S.C. 5343(f), and any special pay adjustment for law enforcement officers under section 404 of the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-509) or locality-based comparability payment under 5 U.S.C. 5304, but not including additional pay of any kind.

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§ 550.203 Advances in pay.

(a) The head of an agency may provide for the advance payment of basic pay, in one or more installments covering not more than 2 pay periods, to an employee who is newly appointed to a position in the agency.

(b) The maximum amount of pay that may be advanced to an employee shall be based on the rate of basic pay to which the employee is entitled on the date of his or her new appointment with the agency, reduced by the amount of any allotments or deductions that would normally be deducted from the employee's first regular paycheck.

(c) An advance in pay may be made to an employee no earlier than the date of appointment with the agency and no later than 60 days after the date of appointment.

(d) An advance in pay under this subpart may not be made to any employee

when an agency expects to make an advance in pay to the same employee under 5 U.S.C. 5927 within 2 pay periods after the employee's appointment.

(e) An advance in pay may not be made to the head of an agency or to an employee appointed to a position in the expectation of receiving an appointment as the head of an agency.

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§ 550.204 Agency procedures.

(a) Each agency shall establish written procedures governing advance payments. These procedures shall include—

(1) Criteria to be considered before approval or denial of employee requests for advance payments;

(2) Criteria to be considered before waiving all or part of advance payments; and

(3) Processing and accounting procedures governing advance payments.

(b) Before making an advance payment, an agency shall require that the employee sign an agreement to repay to the Federal Government any amount for which repayment has not been waived by the agency head under § 550.206 of this part.

(c) Before making an advance payment, an agency shall provide the following information to the employee in writing:

(1) A statement indicating how the advance in pay will be recovered from the employee by the Federal Government, either in installments under agency procedures for payroll deductions or by salary offset procedures under subpart K of this part;

(2) The total amount of the advance in pay, the total number of pay periods for repayment of the advance in pay, and the amount that will be deducted from the pay of the employee by payroll deductions or salary offset for each pay period;

(3) A statement indicating that the employee may prepay all or part of the balance of the advance payment at any time before the money is due, including instructions as to where and how such prepayments may be made.

(4) A statement indicating that the amount of the advance in pay not yet repaid by an employee or waived by the